

Restriction


The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement for claims 1-39 on the basis that the claimed features separately are distinct and have acquired a separate status in the art. However, the Examiner has previously issued a number of Office Actions addressing ALL of claims 1-39. The Applicants are a little confused as to how claims 1-39 have separately acquired a separate status in the art since the last Office Action dated August 12, 2005 without the Applicants having made any changes to the claims since the last Office Action dated August 12, 2005.

Nevertheless, the Examiner indicated claims 1-39 fall into four groups, with Group I being claims 1-31 and 36, Group II being claims 32-35, Group III being 37 and 38, and Group IV being claim 39. The Applicants herein elect Group I, claims 1-31 and 36, with traverse.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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